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I. VIENTIANE 2708

1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY LAO PARTIES TO FACILITATE JCRC EFFORT IN LAOS- WE HOPE YOU WILL MAKE THESE POINTS AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE RLG OFFICIALS, WITH REQUEST THAT THEY DO ALL THEY CAN TO GAIN LPF ACCEPTANCE AND COOPERATION FOR JCRC ACTIVITIES.

2. FOLLOWING POINTS ARE ELABORATION OF CONCEPT EXPRESSED IN ARTICLE 7 F OF RLG DRAFT MILITARY PROTOCOL ( REF B), WHICH AUTHORIZED " JOINT MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE"

AND " JOINT CONTROL TEAM" TO " REQUEST COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE FROM ICC, FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS," FOR PURPOSE OF SEARCH FOR MISSING AND DEAD. YOU SHOULD STRESS AGAIN THAT JCRC' S MISSION IN LAOS WILL BE PEACEFUL, HUMANITARIAN AND OPEN, WITH NO ULTERIOR MILITARY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER.

3. FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDED POINTS:

A. THE TWO SIDES WILL COOPERATE AND EXCHANGE ALL KNOWN INFORMATION ON ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL LOST IN LAOS, OF WHATEVER NATIONALITY, TO INCLUDE DOCUMENTATION WHERE POSSIBLE.

(1) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WILL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT ( JCIA) AND/ OR THE ICC.

(2) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON MISSING PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUESTED THROUGH THE JCIA AND/ OR THE ICC.

B. BOTH SIDES WILL COOPERATE AND PERMIT THE RETURN OF REMAINS OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WHO DIED IN LAOS, INCLUDING US PERSONNEL.

C. TO RESOLVE STATUS OF MISSING PERSONNEL JCIA AND/ OR THE ICC WILL COORDINATE EFFORTS TO:

(1) AUTHORIZE US PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT INFORMATION-  
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TION- REWARD PROGRAMS TO SOLICIT ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL

POPULATIONS IN LOCATING US CRASH/ GRAVE SITES THROUGHOUT LAOS.

(2) AUTHORIZE TEAMS ORGANIZED AND ACCOMPANIED BY US PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT CRASH SITE OR LAST KNOWN LOCATION INSPECTIONS, GRAVES REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES, AND RECOVERY OF REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS THROUGHOUT LAOS.

(3) AUTHORIZE US AIRCRAFT TO FLY OVER AREAS THROUGHOUT LAOS FOR PURPOSE OF: REWARD INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ( LEAFLETS), LOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF CRASH SITES AND THEIR INSPECTION, RECOVERY OF REMAINS AND EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, AS APPROPRIATE.

(4) AUTHORIZE JCRC TO ESTABLISH A LIAISON TEAM IN VIENTIANE TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH RESOLVING THE STATUS OF MISSING AND REMAINS RECOVERY.

4. ADDITIONAL POINTS ON JCRC OPERATIONS WHICH WE HOPE RLG NEGOTIATORS WILL DISCUSS WITH OTHER SIDE TO SECURE NECESSARY AUTHORITIES AND UNDERSTANDINGS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. JCRC IS PREPARED TO GIVE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FOR ALL MISSIONS AND OPERATIONS IN LAOS.

B. FIELD TEAMS WILL WEAR DISTINCTIVE UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIAS FOR THESE MISSIONS.

C. SUCH TEAMS WILL BE UNARMED, EXCEPT FOR SMALL ARMS FOR SELF- PROTECTION AGAINST WILD ANIMALS WHEN OPERATING IN REMOTE AREAS.

D. TEAMS WILL SEEK COOPERATION OF LOCAL INHABITANTS IN THEIR OPERATIONS. IT IS HOPED THAT PEACEFUL, HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF JCRC ACTIVITIES WILL BE COMMUNICATED AND EXPLAINED TO ALL PEOPLE IN ALL PARTS OF LAOS.

E. JCRC ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH AND  
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COMPLEMENTARY TO ACTIVITIES BY ICC, OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ( SUCH AS THE ICRC) AND THE LAO PARTIES THEMSELVES. JCRC WOULD BE PLEASED TO COOPERATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE GROUPS FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE OF CASUALTY RESOLUTION, INCLUDING OBSERVERS

TO ACCOMPANY JCRC FIELD TEAMS. -

5. WE HOPE APPROACH ON THIS SUBJECT TO FRIENDS CAN BE MADE SOON, BUT LEAVE TIMING TO YOUR DISCRETION. APPEARS TO US IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO BUILD ON SENATOR BROOKE' S PROPOSAL TO LPF FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A BODY TO CLARIFY FATE OF MIA' S.

6. IF YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE, WE WOULD SEE NO OBJECTION TO US OFFICIALS FOLLOWING UP SENATOR BROOKE' S DISCUSSION ( REF G) BY DRAWING ON FOREGOING MATERIAL FOR DIRECT DISCUSSION WITH LPF REPS. ANY SUCH ACTION SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE FULLY COORDINATED WITH RLG. ROGERS

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